entitled for duty credit scrip equivalent to 5% of the FOB value of exports. This duty credit can be used for import of inputs or goods (excluding capital goods and some specified high duty agriculture products) which are otherwise freely importable under ITC (HS) Classifications of Export and Import Item. Details of the scheme are given in the book titled "Foreign Trade Policy 2004—2009" updated as on 7th April, 2006 and "Hand Book of Procedures Vol. I" updated as on 7th April, 2006 and is available in the Parliament Library. Funds are not allocated under the scheme, but on the basis of eligible exports, duty credit scrips are issued, which can be used for import of freely importable goods or inputs.

(c) and (d) With a view to promote Agricultural and related exports from Tamil Nadu four Agri Export Zones have been setup in Tamilnadu for export of specific products from a geographically contiguous area. These are (1) Dharmpuri District for Flowers; (2) Nilgiri District for Flowers; (3) Districts of Madurai, Theni, Dindigul, Virudhunagar and Tirunelveli for Mangoes; (4) Districts of Cuddalore, Tanjavur, Pudukottai and Sivaganga for Cashewnut.

These areas have been notified based upon the export potential.

New SEZ norms

3366. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has formulated new SEZ norms to provide single window clearance of proposals;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the response of the industry and financial institutions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) The Special Economic Zones Act, 2005 (SEZ Act) and the Special Economic Zones Rules, 2006 (SEZ Rules) have been put into force from 10th February, 2006. The SEZ Act and Rules provide a mechanism for Single Window Clearance for the

purposes of setting up and development of Special Economic Zones and units in the SEZs.

(c) The response of the trade and industry to the SEZ Act, 2005 & SEZ Rules, 2006 has been encouraging.

Establishment of EO Units

†3367. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of big and medium industrial units that have been established as on date, State-wise;

(b) the details of the export-oriented units amongst them;

(c) whether the Government propose to establish some more export-oriented units;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(e) the details of the programme made for this financial year in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) to (b) During the period August, 1991 to March, 2006, Industrial Entrepreneur Memoranda (IEM) were filed by 64,207 units and Letters of Intent and Direct Industrial Licenses were issued to 4,154 units by the Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion. In addition to these, as on 31st March, 2006, 2,037 Export Oriented Units were functioning in the country. State-wise distribution of Industrial Entrepreneur Memoranda, Letters of Intent, Industrial Licenses granted and the EOUs established are given in the enclosed Statement (See below).

(c) to (e) The Government does not set up Export Oriented Units. Such Units are set up by private individuals/corporate bodies.

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